

REMARKS:

Claims 1-26, 29, 32 and 49-96 have been cancelled above. Applicant retains the right to present these claims in a divisional application.

5 New claims 97 and 98 have been added.

The amended claims 27 and 28 and new claims 97 and 98 are supported by the originally-filed application and therefore do not comprise "new matter." Specifically, support for the claims can be found at the following locations.

10 The amendment and limitation of claim 27 to "cardboard, paper biodegradable polymer based materials and combinations thereof" is supported at, for example, page 30, line 20 to page 31, line 11, and, for example, original claim 29. The amendment and limitation of claim 27 to "saprophytic and mycorrhizal fungi" is supported at, for example, page 31, line 2, and page 31, lines 17-18.

15 New claims 97 and 98 are supported at, for example, page 16, lines 10-15, and at page 30, line 20 to page 31, line 5.

20 Claim 28 has been amended to clarify that the fungal inoculant and/or the seeds may be separately packaged.

25 The appropriate filing fee of \$393.00 is attached (basic filing fee of \$375.00 and \$18.00 for two excess claims). A favorable consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if a telephonic interview would expedite resolution of any remaining matters.

30 Respectfully Submitted,

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